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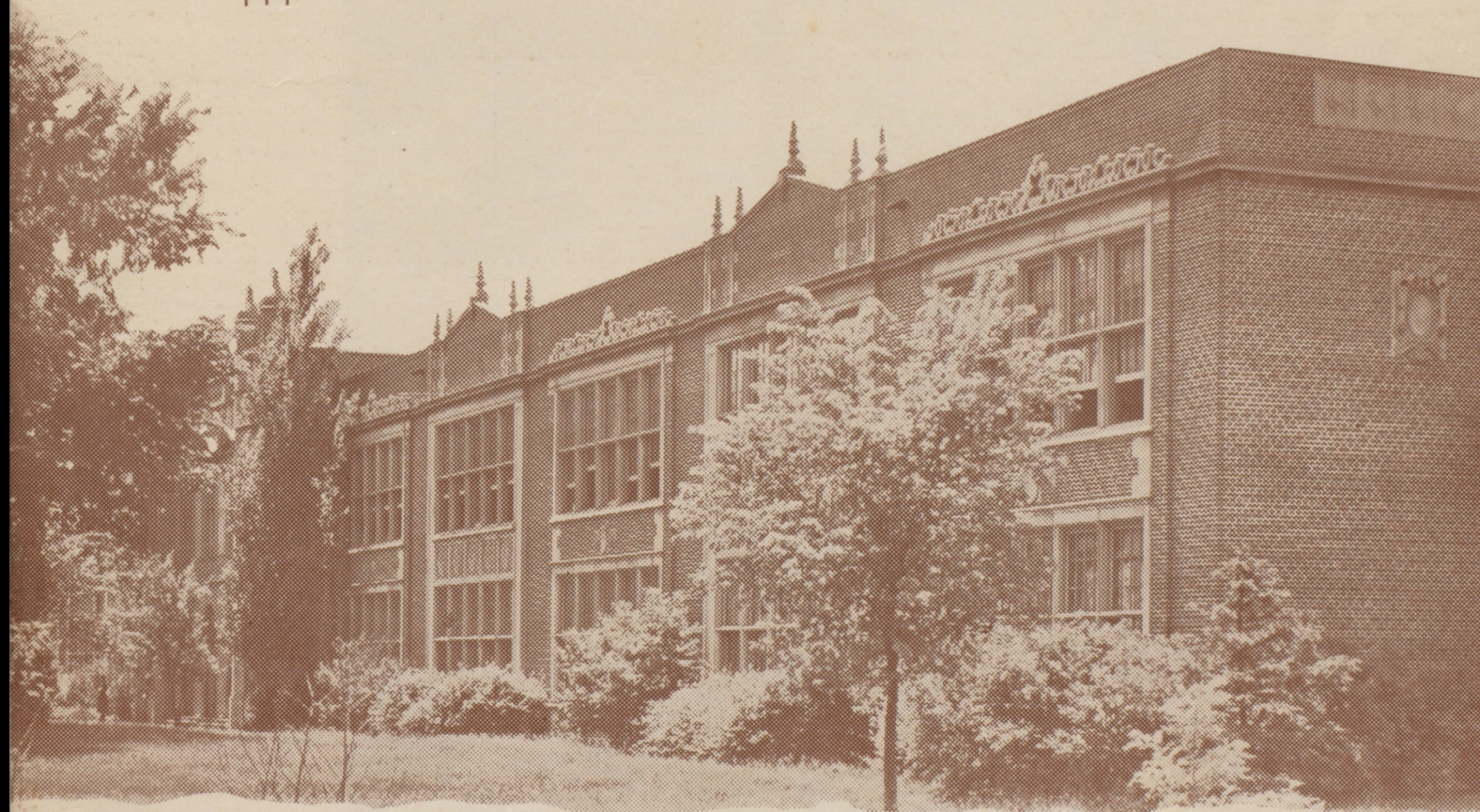
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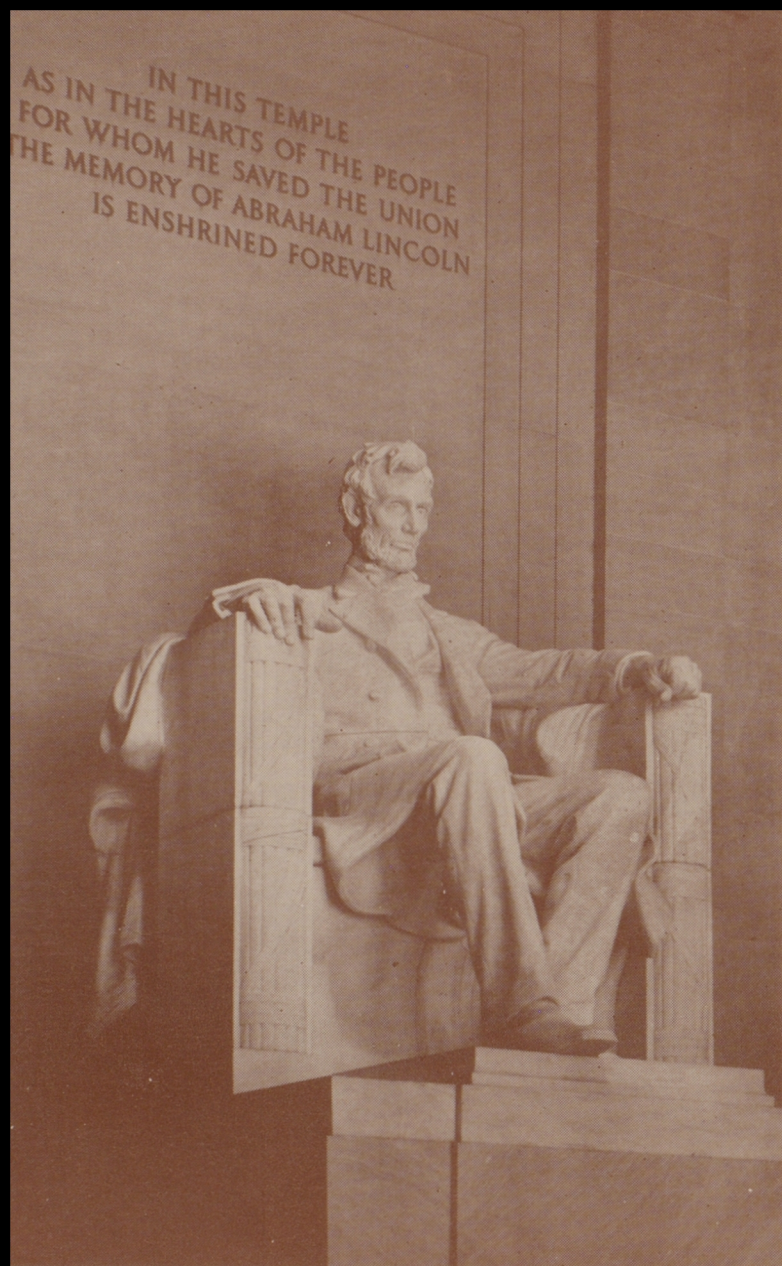
*This Is Our Fortress  
of Liberty*



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*As I  
So I Would Not*

Abraham Lincoln, a great patriot with a simple soul, had an ideal—freedom for every individual in the United States. With the uniting of the North and South, Lincoln's ambition was realized.

Standing for truth and tolerance, he gained his place among the immortals—a man never to be forgotten.

We remember Lincoln today as a benefactor of and for the American people. We pay tribute to him, not in awe and wonder, but as he would have wished it—with the warm feeling for an old friend.

Our school is proud to bear your name, Abe Lincoln! We, too, stand for honesty, truth, tolerance, and friendliness to all.

Courtesy of Mrs. June Richards Mitchell  
Senior Railsplitter, Jan. '42



*Would Not Be a Slave*

*Be a Master . . .*

*Abraham Lincoln*





# A Letter To Our Boys

## —and One To Hitler

Dear Boys in Service:

We think of you often—be very sure of that!

There is not one among you who is not remembered by many students, teachers, and friends who drop in at Lincoln High.

We wish that you might see the ever-growing service rolls upon which your names are inscribed. Almost hourly, someone pauses in the front corridor to scan with upturned face, the rows of names—searching for yours perhaps—and then moves on, remembering you with fond and kindly thoughts.

It makes no difference how “old” a Lincolnite you are. Capt. Frank A. Conaway, graduate of the Class of '28, visited school yesterday. Although many years the senior of present students, he was received at once as “Lincoln’s own.” Teachers rushed up with welcoming hands and the cordial greeting, “How are you, Frank?”

History and English classes invited him to speak. There wasn’t enough of him—or of time—to go around!

Day before yesterday, a boy in the navy came back . . . and the day before that, a boy in the air corps was here . . . and tomorrow, maybe you’ll be dropping in.

Your name upon the service roll means something special to Lincoln. And from the number of you who come swarming back to school while in Des Moines on furlough, it is obvious that Lincoln means “home” to you—home because you had a part in building it.

It is a compliment to Lincoln high that so many of you return. And the compliment to Lincoln is simultaneously a compliment to Democracy—the kind of Democracy where no one is slave, and no one master.

We hope that this Senior Railsplitter will in some small way demonstrate to you that freedom is worth fighting for.

Please feel secure of your place in Lincoln, now and always.

Warm wishes to you all,

CLASS OF JUNE 1943.

Well, Hitler,

. . . and all your Axis partners . . .

You thought to turn the whole world into cowering, heiling puppets. So you began at home.

You shackled your people into poor, narrow ways of acting. You were triumphant and called it good when they responded with gestures loud and mechanical—not warm and deep.

You sealed their mouths; burned their books; took away their freedom of worship, substituting for their former happy lives, an ever-growing sense of fear and want.

You thought to do the same with the Democracies of the world. But those Democracies, peopled with free thinkers, prefer to say what they wish, read what they please, follow their own forms of worship, and live in a world free from want and fear.

Lincoln high students, typical of liberty loving people the world over, quote the words of their great patron, Abraham Lincoln, to say to you about this fight for freedom . . .

“We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of earth.”

. . . And we do not mean to lose!

From the CLASS OF JUNE 1943.



AARON C. HUTCHENS  
Principal





**Faculty**—Top row, left to right: Linquist, Talarico, McEniry, Snyder, G. Harris, Cox, C. Harris, Johnson, Fox, Gerhart.  
 Third Row: Barton, Coffey, Roberts, Grabau, Holmes, Cripe, Davison, Nieweg, Dewey, Graaff, Payne.  
 Second Row: Hurd, Amlie, N. Sherwood, Osher, Selby, Scholfield, Hutchens, Ebers, Smith, Farley, McFarland.  
 First Row: Baskerville, Robbins, Mitchell, Arnold, Plemone, Mapel, Meffert, Scanlan.

## Abraham Lincoln High School Faculty, 1942-43



MRS. VIDA HALL  
*Girls' Adviser*



ROLLAND MEFFERT  
*Vice-Principal*





## Amy Coventry

*Teacher of English  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
1929-1943*

### *In Remembrance*

There was about Miss Coventry, a dauntless quality of spirit which identified her with Lincoln High, the school which she served for fourteen years prior to her death, January 21, 1943.

She was a positive personality and a dynamic one, always expressing herself with characteristic frankness.

There was no egotism nor pride of opinion; rather, she was motivated by a courageous sincerity to champion the cause she believed to be right.

She possessed a selfless quality evidenced by her willingness to endure personal sacrifices for the good of others.

Her host of friends will remember with good affection always, her democratic kindliness; and will never cease to admire her earnestness of spirit.



# *Years Make The Difference*

'Twas a balmy September morn in the year 1937 that 190 small 7B's strolled into the corridors of Lincoln and gazed at the high ceilings and many doors.

Now six years later, those small juniors have grown taller as individuals, but smaller as a collective group, the class having dwindled in size to a membership of 115.

Although Lincoln has grown right along with the 7B's of 1937, the war has effected changes, bringing to students many opportunities for defense participation.

They collected 870 books for the soldiers at Camp Dodge; spent evenings folding surgical bandages for the Red Cross; and brought paper, hangers, and worn out alarm clocks for the scrap drive.

The Victory Corps started a victory garden project, and the month of April was set aside for the purchase of war bonds and stamps. Many boys have joined the armed forces and other students are working at part time employment.

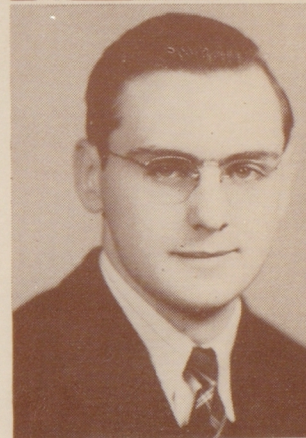
As the class of June '43 graduates into a new life, they will remain loyal to Lincoln, keeping in close contact always with the school which has grown so dear to them.

## CLASS OFFICERS

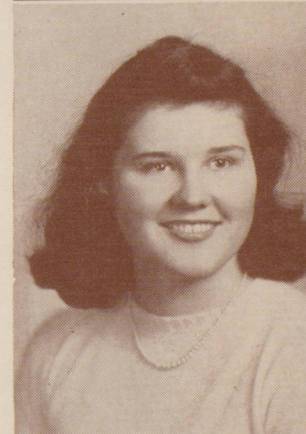
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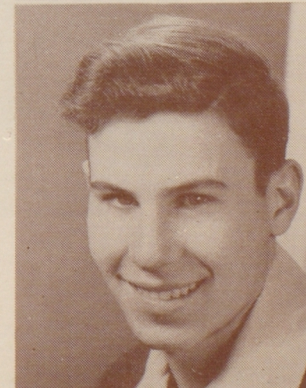
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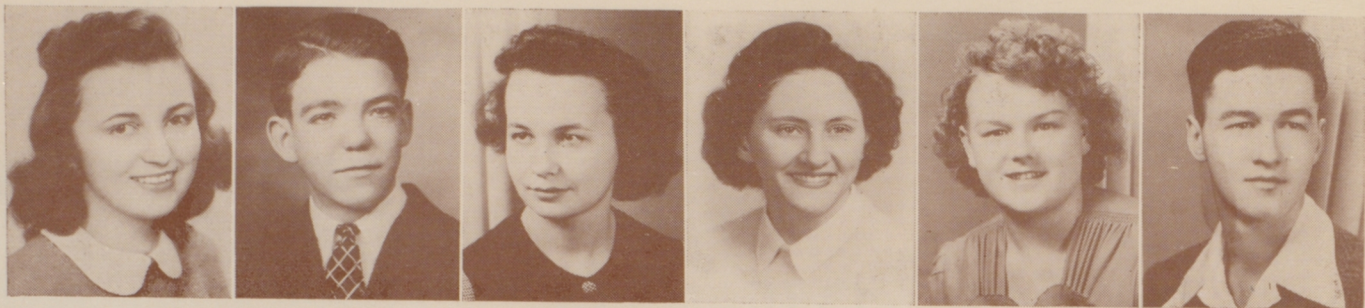
PHYLLIS CAVENDER  
*Secretary*



JERRY WELCH  
*Treasurer*







**Mary Ellen Ahlberg** . . . one very busy girl . . . co-editor of Senior Rail . . . treasurer of the student council . . . news editor on regular Rail . . . also works at local store . . . limited spare time is spent in sewing "specially designed for herself" clothes . . . no ambition is unexpected coming from Mary Ellen . . . typical school girl with a school girl complexion . . . clear eyes which see every complex thing clearly . . . has many friends . . . highly esteemed by her journalistic pals.

**James Atwood** . . . "W. U." will bring him running . . . almost believes Western Union's his name . . . has worked there that long . . . was very excited on his first air flight . . . but will be more thrilled to graduate . . . wants to be a mechanic and help repair this war-torn world . . . likes to tinker . . . also to hunt and fish . . . likes to travel . . . on a bicycle?

**Patricia Banning** . . . enjoys enjoying life . . . one of the few people who like everything . . . but says that every bit of grade school was embarrassing . . . especially being caught gyping 'way back in third grade . . . thought the get-to-gether was swell . . . Bob Cannon was responsible for this attitude . . . wants to be an army nurse . . . likes swimming, biking, hiking, and eating . . . "Pat," "Suzy".

**Vivian Bradley** . . . scientific redhead . . . wants to help win this war so she writes to fellows in the service . . . as a morale builder . . . she'd send anybody's morale sky-high . . . but isn't so high herself . . . yearns to be 5' 4" . . . is a proud possessor of two tennis monograms . . . has been the No. 1 player on the team for two years . . . all our soldiers rate with her . . . but her brother Bob, is still Uncle Sam's best looking doughboy . . . candidate for home ec. princess.

**Mary Ellen Bridal** . . . short and neat . . . always shy . . . at first . . . big brown eyes and beautiful golden hair . . . an awfully strict monitor . . . "Marlan" was quite ill at ease in grade school when receiving a spanking from the teacher . . . visiting brother Leo in California provided a big thrill . . . Mary Ellen is a member of the Shortie Club.

**James Bulwan** . . . likes to experiment with explosive chemicals . . . but very delicately . . . another wolf from H.R. 120 . . . his spelling is wonderfully bad . . . always gets 5's . . . has been a merman for many semesters . . . but would rather dive through air in a high powered plane . . . a baby picture of him in typical baby pose on fur rug was shown to best girl friend . . . p.s., she showed him the door.

**Marie Barber** . . . wants to get a degree from Iowa University and continue in nurses' training . . . then work in a big, big hospital . . . is a swell pal . . . very jolly . . . very jokified . . . played on tennis team two years . . . also likes golf and bowling . . . is a hard working girl both in school and out . . . remembers going to Pella in '42 and not being able to pick any tulips.

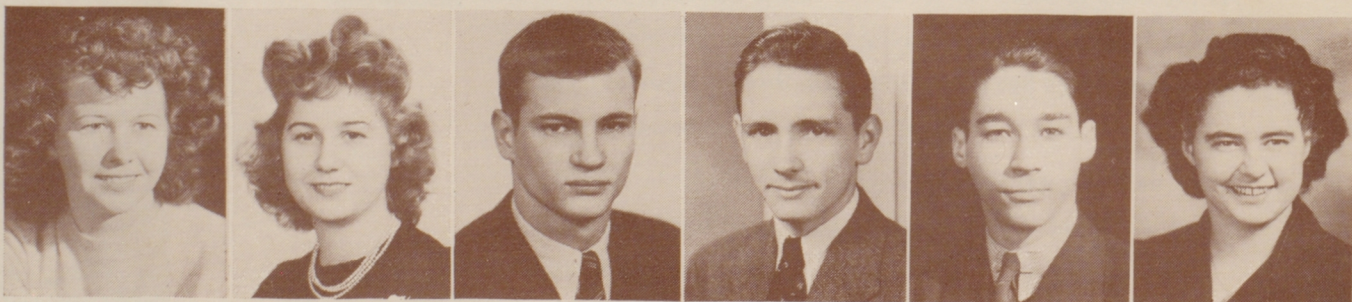
**Clarabelle Beal** . . . came from Geneva Hi, and we're glad she's here . . . very nice to know 'cause she's so easy to talk to . . . also has a wonderful sense of humor . . . envied by other "studes" because she took history notes down in shorthand . . . likes music and belongs to band . . . used her dress to wipe her teary eyes when small girl . . . now blushes at seeing former classmates . . . "Belle" . . . aspires to be a secretary . . . and will no doubt be one.

**William Benoit** . . . Chicago embarrassed "Beno", but in what way he refuses to tell . . . we wish we knew . . . he's one fellow who's really fun to tease . . . but good-natured and doesn't mind it . . . was up in the air first airplane ride . . . really likes it . . . also cheered when Joe Di Maggio got his 49th hit in a streak . . . but blondes don't thrill him . . . much.

**Rex Burgett** . . . from out Fort Des Moines way . . . the blood didn't all go to his finger when he was jabbed with scissors in art . . . he was mighty embarrassed . . . but he deserved it . . . he'd been teasing some poor little girl . . . she found that he wasn't as shy as he appeared . . . goes with girls from the other side of town . . . is very proud of being an eagle scout . . . Miss Holmes' chief pest.

**Robert Cannon** . . . one extremely talented young man . . . plays saxophone, clarinet, piano . . . in the dance band and regular band . . . incidentally can sing . . . has a Chinaman-like appearance . . . Mr. Jacobs calls him "Chiang" . . . collaborated with Jimmy Cunningham on a song . . . a very good song, too . . . one busy guy, who takes time out to make friends . . . band manager and assistant conductor.

**Geraldine Carl** . . . cheerful and very efficient monitor . . . kin to Wilson tribe (alas!) . . . always full of good cheer and fairly glows with good will . . . Deed's face turned a flaming scarlet when teacher caught her writing initials on the desk in grade school . . . leisure hours are spent on collecting pins and music . . . has ambition of being some nice gentleman's secretary . . . Shortie Club member.





**Allan Caskey** . . . nice looking . . . has hung around room 120 for years . . . one of "Gildersleeve's" loyal followers . . . member of the projectors' league . . . hobby . . . model airplanes . . . ambition . . . to own a real one . . . never says much . . . so when he talks it means that much more . . . has paled with Robert Cannon from way back . . . "Al" . . . acts disinterested but underneath he likes everything, everybody . . . the feeling is mutual.

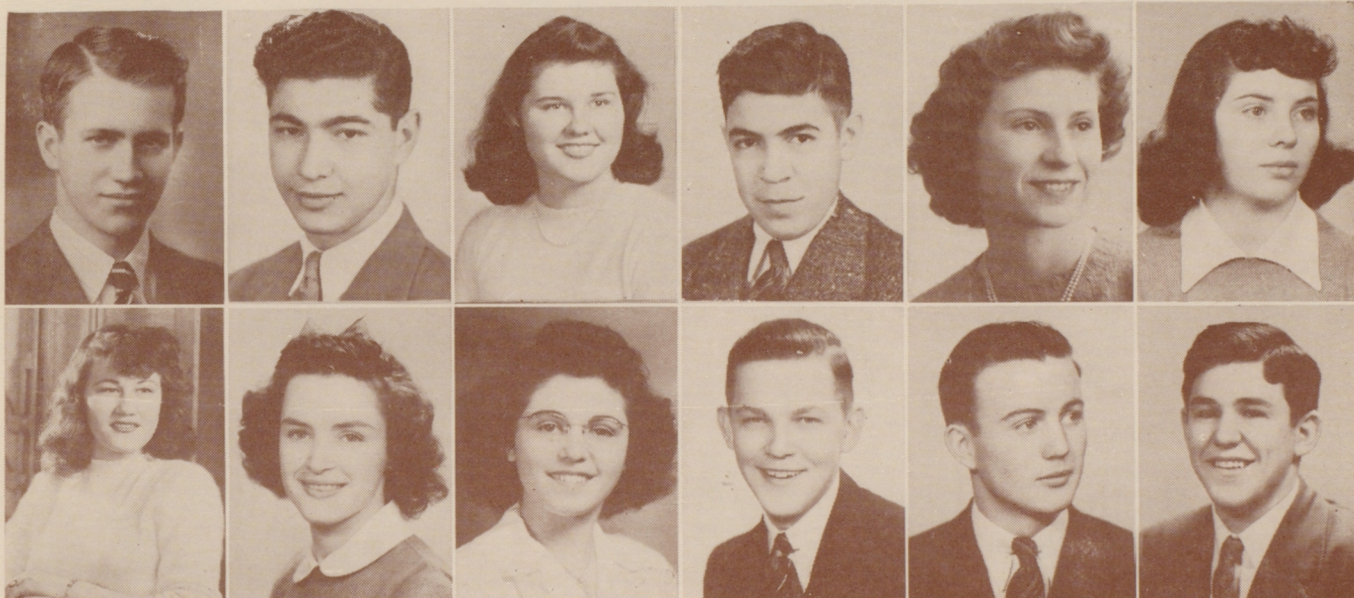
**Gennero Cataldo** . . . short with dark curly hair . . . shy of femininity . . . claims no embarrassing moments, but we know better . . . "Jiggs" has hopes of being a naval officer . . . locked all of his skeletons securely in the grade school closet and threw the key far, far away . . . (and it's probably for the better) . . . fishing, hunting, football fill his spare moments.

**Phyllis Cavender** . . . pretty face . . . pretty hair . . . pretty girl . . . also friendly . . . thrilled (and who wouldn't be?) at being elected secretary of senior class . . . all set for college this spring . . . is going to be a teacher . . . will make a good one . . . easy going . . . likes to bowl . . . but isn't very good . . . hobby . . . horse back riding . . . wants to forget to remember the day in grade school when she went wading with Virginia, Doris, and Patti . . . "Phit E".

**John Celsi** . . . has a good memory . . . can remember clubs he was in 'way back in jr. high . . . likes swimming in the summer, hunting in the fall and spring, and loafing in the winter . . . wants to be a bookkeeper in a bank . . . is honest . . . wouldn't abscond the funds . . . liked working at the post office . . . remembers having to stay after school in grade school for chewing gum.

**Virginia Christian** . . . lovely girl with a lovely figure . . . dresses right out of Vogue . . . not a clothes' horse tho' . . . has a keen personality . . . plenty of determination and ambition . . . another gal aspiring to be a school teacher . . . gads around a lot . . . likes slumber parties on Saturday night, then sleeps in church . . . also remembers that day when she, Phyllis, Doris, and Patti went wading in the mud . . . "Ginny," "Christy" . . . took wrong elevator in Old Federal building . . . turned out not to be an elevator at all.

**Virginia Clemmer** . . . "Ginny" has slaved on that advisers' staff for years (her opinion) but the advisers have a different story . . . to marry into money and spend the rest of the time loafing would be an ideal future to look forward to . . . shocked Miss Holmes by saying she was going to be a burlesque queen . . . was only kidding . . . make-up editor of the staff.



**La Vonne Coellner** . . . one popular girl . . . has a friendly smile . . . long wavy hair worn with bangs . . . pretty bright red fingernails . . . do they grow that way, "Vonnie"? . . . "He" wears a pair of silver wings . . . plenty of poise . . . so never yet was embarrassed . . . loves dancing . . . hiking . . . and tennis . . . no ambition as yet but wants to be a success at whatever she turns her hand to do.

**Betty Jean Collins** . . . pug nose sprinkled with freckles . . . seemingly shy . . . hobby is counting her freckles . . . ambition is to be Mrs. Bill Sopher . . . will make a sweet housewife . . . in grade school, "Bett" spent most of her time in the hall because of her constant chatter . . . blushed becomingly upon finding that she and Bill have been spied on during a recent good-by kiss.

**Rose Costanzo** . . . owner of pretty black tresses . . . in grade school, "Shorty" let loose her temper and threw a tin can at a girl . . . the girl threw it right back . . . during a gypsy dance "Dolly" was slightly abashed by a slowly descending skirt . . . an object of masculinity named Louis is all that "Rosie" desires . . . collecting pictures, movie-going, and corresponding with her brother and Louis provide an interesting pastime.

**Harold Cox** . . . a farmer . . . and loves it . . . works in a feed store . . . drives a tractor . . . didn't expect to be caught when making tracks out of a classroom, but Gerhart has sharp eyes . . . aspires to be a truck driver (down the "highway of life"?) . . . will be a bit excited at graduation . . . not too much though . . . on the chubby side . . . "Bud".

**Albert Davidson** . . . tagged as "Pete" . . . enjoys swimming, boxing, and wrestling . . . ambition is to be an ensign . . . so joined the V-5 . . . was really thrilled after passing the naval air corps test . . . most embarrassed when he went to Pella in '42 but won't tell why . . . works as a carnival barker in the summer . . . fellow wolf is Bill Tarr.

**Keith Davis** . . . short but mighty . . . a ladies' man . . . presides as secretary of Hi-Y . . . women, football, women, monitoring but mostly women have occupied a lot of Keith's time . . . if a small enough plane can be found Keith will join the army air corps . . . writing notes to a girl in grade school netted no results for Keith except a very hard whipping . . . embarrassing moments are too numerous to mention . . . and we don't doubt it.



**Norma Deever** . . . "Danny" . . . tall . . . good looking . . . advertising manager of the "Rail" . . . biggest thrill was and is Ray Dershem, jr. . . likes . . . roller skating and traveling . . . ambition is to be a private secretary . . . the boss will fall for this gal . . . also wants to be a good wife to someone . . . embarrassed when her history teacher in summer school made her stand in a corner . . . quick temper . . . but still gets along with everyone.

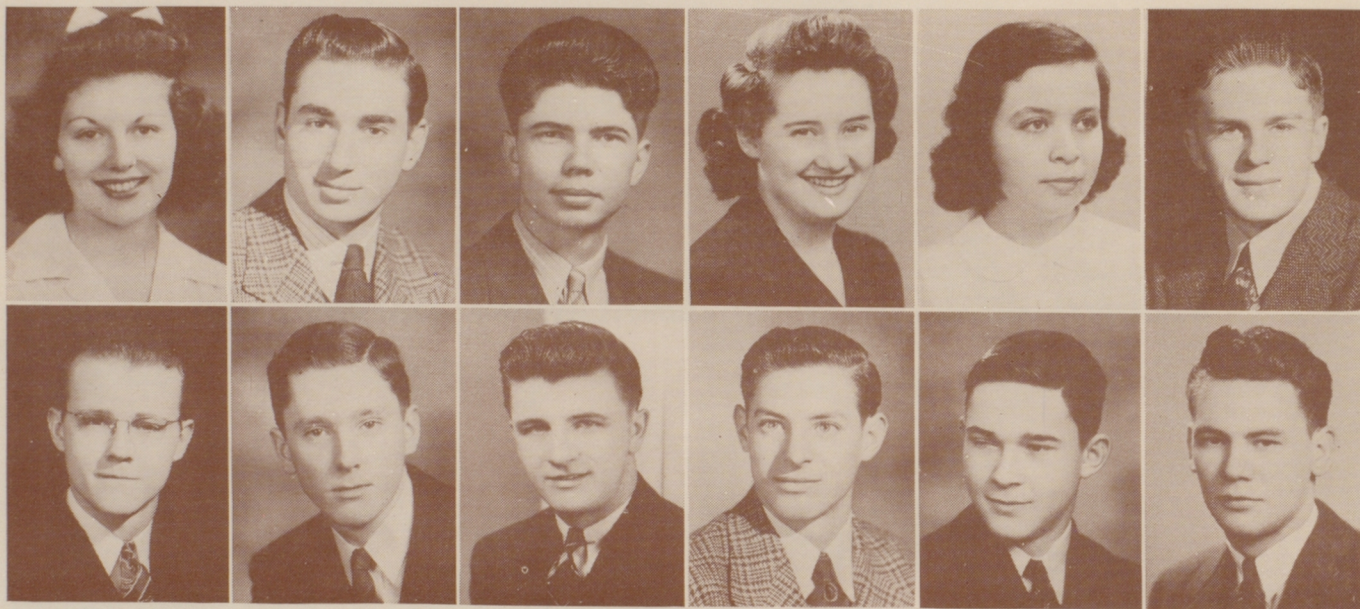
**Anthony D. Defino** . . . "Tony" . . . to be a big shot in the army or a retail business would please him . . . member of the golf team . . . likes girls from the north end of town . . . but thinks Lincoln girls are o.k. too . . . most embarrassing moment happened in a downtown theater but is impossible to impart . . . failed one grade but skipped two in grade school . . . funny fellow . . . loves to eat . . . snappy dresser.

**John den Boer** . . . very tall . . . in fact he's 6' 5" of good solid Dutchman . . . being manager of the stage crew would make anyone proud . . . Johnny belongs to everything that has anything to do with music . . . orchestra, dance band, and chorus are a few examples . . . also drum major of band . . . seeing Holland was big thrill even at five . . . playing the trombone, baritone horn, piano, bass fiddle, violin, and cello are miscellaneous items says "Dutch."

**Thelma Jean Dixon** . . . a "lark" and loves one . . . sings very sweetly . . . expert at telling moron jokes . . . says they come naturally . . . aspires to attend University of Chicago . . . would like to teach voice . . . thrilled at meeting a millionaire in Chicago . . . awfully embarrassed when she sang the lyrics of one song to the melody of another song . . . and made them fit . . . her friends call her "Genius."

**Lucille Donato** . . . small . . . dark . . . angel like face . . . packed to the nose with personality . . . ambition is a world tour . . . has realized a part of it in a trip to New York . . . turns red when bawled out . . . loves to argue . . . and is usually right . . . flares up quickly but cools more quickly . . . Velma Slavens' sidekick.

**Harvey Elder** . . . very short . . . but has hopes of getting in the marine air corps . . . played basketball for eons . . . played football for eons more . . . felt a trifle ill at ease when an egg was smashed in his pocket for an initiation in projectors' league . . . biggest thrill was, and is, Shirley Kummerfeldt . . . "Harv" remembers when he continually caused trouble in grade school scrapping with Bill Macy.



**Wayne Ellis** . . . quiet fellow . . . never lets you know what he's thinking . . . but probably thinks big things . . . student council member . . . loyal paper boy at the R and T for years . . . advanced to branch manager . . . to be just a good buck private would suit this fellow . . . of course being a captain wouldn't be bad . . . never loses his temper . . . doesn't have an enemy . . . a pleasant person to know.

**Jack Evans** . . . the intelligent one of the class . . . has built up a reputation of brilliance . . . hobbies . . . stamp collecting and chemistry . . . ambition . . . to become a chemist . . . journeys to East high for class each morning . . . has paled with Bill Macy since the three corner stage . . . uses words students have to look up in the dictionary . . . nice guy . . . everyone likes him.

**Glenn Fackler** . . . answer to any maiden's prayer but already has a particular one . . . cheerleader for four semesters . . . "Glenny" is all out for fun and a good time . . . his most embarrassing moment centers around the nickname "sugar" . . . ambition is army air corps and a certain female . . . hops around in his faithful jalopy . . . good natured and easy going . . . very popular.

**Charles Falbo** . . . always helpful whenever any one wants a favor . . . especially helpful to girls . . . not so tall and wears loud zoot suits to make up for this . . . parties, girls, golf, girls, dancing, and girls are a few of "Chuck's" hobbies . . . he's a busy boy . . . claims to be a big-time reporter in journalism, but we've all heard about his roll-checking position . . . pals around with Rich and Tony.

**Robert E. Falkowski** . . . "Bob" . . . another scientist . . . public address league . . . secretary and treasurer of projectors' league . . . hobbies . . . photography . . . chemistry . . . radio . . . stamp collecting . . . ambition . . . to be a chemist . . . needn't worry about skeletons in his closet; they're afraid he'd blow them up . . . studies chemistry at East high each morning . . . intelligent "stude" . . . gets "I's" in math . . . a popular fellow with everybody.

**William H. Flaherty** . . . "Harmon" . . . likes football . . . basketball . . . Mary Scogin . . . biggest thrill . . . second all-state football team . . . all-city football team . . . Mary Scogin . . . most embarrassing moment . . . trying to explain when his girl caught another girl kissing him . . . remembers in grade school when Fred Potthoff stole his girl . . . ambition . . . army, Mary Scogin . . . senior student council . . . an all 'round grand guy.





**Mildred Flatt** . . . a pretty girl with personality to spare . . . wears a bewitching perfume . . . long blond wavy hair . . . and big blue eyes . . . very sweet looking . . . but . . . usually wears a mischievous grin . . . biggest thrill was becoming engaged to Bob . . . and what a pretty sparkler she wears on her left hand . . . loves to dance and expends a lot of energy at it . . . a very friendly girl with hosts of friends . . . and is nice to have for a friend.

**Patti Folsom** . . . A girl with new ideas . . . good-hearted . . . pretty . . . has a bland look in those big eyes . . . last year went in for extreme sloppiness, this year extreme smoothness . . . we like her best this year . . . looks good as a drug store blonde . . . nurse's staff member . . . thrilled to pieces at meeting Bob Hope on the street and talking to him for seven blocks . . . "Almost Eighteen", "The Secret Door" . . . Student Council . . . Drum Majorette.

**Geraldine Forsyth** . . . "Dee" plans to grab her diploma and head for the nearest exit . . . short . . . but felt much shorter the time she handed the street car conductor a shiny penny for a dime . . . collects miniature toy animals . . . bicycles . . . ice skates . . . won a scholastic award in art . . . is patiently waiting for her biggest thrill . . . calm . . . always has a carefree air about herself . . . in Shortie Club.

**William Haines** . . . a man's man . . . but has to fight off the gals . . . limits his time to one girl . . . Marjorie . . . liked spending time with her so much that he decided to spend his time with her permanently . . . is now engaged . . . goes in for masculine things . . . hunting . . . fishing . . . baseball . . . was star on baseball team at Jefferson . . . is going to make a good soldier.

**Jack Hamlin** . . . big, tall, broad male . . . blond hair always unruly . . . wide grin for everything, everybody . . . especially Corinne . . . it took a girl from outside these premises to land this boy . . . a good football player . . . also basketball and track . . . one swell guy . . . to know him is to like him.

**Barbara Harper** . . . a neat looking, nice looking girl . . . very nice to know . . . never says much . . . quite bashful . . . is very thrilled over a certain sailor . . . was very happy when she received one dozen roses from said sailor . . . was his heart there beside them, Barb? . . . would like to travel to sunny California.

**Lois Foster** . . . possesses a bewitching smile . . . also dark bewitching eyes . . . and wears beautifully designed clothes . . . sews them herself . . . displayed them in the style show with the grace of a professional model . . . wears a diamond . . . always friendly . . . studying hard so that she can attain stenographic position after graduation . . . usually seen with Eleanor Robbins.

**Jeannette Freeman** . . . hails from a farm . . . called "farmer" . . . doesn't mind it . . . gorgeous feather-cut blonde hair curling around a pink and white skin . . . likes the gobs at Ames . . . likes Ames . . . plans to go to college there . . . says that she hasn't met her dream man yet but hopes to soon . . . felt silly in her get-to-gether clothes . . . looked swell . . . library staff member.

**Helen Griffin** . . . "Griffie" lives at Avon Lake . . . plenty glad too . . . that's where she met Bob Bartholomew . . . now sports his diamond around on third finger, left hand . . . says she has had so-o many embarrassing moments . . . but one stands out . . . member of council 10A, 12A . . . get together . . . her ambition is to raise a garden and can like mad . . . always friendly . . . mighty nice.

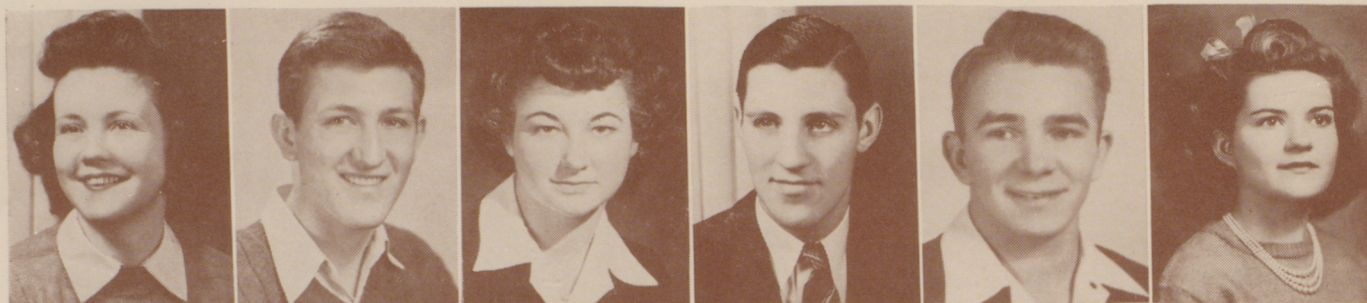
**Carol Harvey** . . . another girl who has a special love for all things naval . . . but loves to dance with just one certain sailor . . . wants to be a telephone operator . . . if someone got her, it might not be such a wrong number . . . wants to get married . . . "Kay" . . . likes pleated skirts . . . friendly face . . . pretty too . . . everyone likes her.

**Bob Haycock** . . . a six-foot Casanova . . . hails from Bussey, Iowa . . . entered Lincoln from Oskaloosa . . . conceitedly says that nothing thrills him . . . hobby . . . women . . . a charter member of the screw-ball club . . . won a letter in football . . . fulfilled his ambition when he left in April for the marines . . . now a leather-neck necker . . . "Wild Bill Hickock" . . . "Bobbie."

**Harriet Hedberg** . . . a very intelligent girl . . . will be a wonderful woman some day . . . is a swell gal right now . . . lovely blond hair . . . green eyes . . . wears pretty clothes sewed for her by herself . . . is one swell feature editor on regular Rail . . . and senior Rail . . . very clever . . . very popular.







**Leah Mae Helton** . . . on nurse's staff . . . wants to be a navy nurse . . . likes photography . . . we like your pictures too "Mabel" . . . refuses to divulge her embarrassing moment . . . will welcome graduation because it will relieve her of tedious homework . . . called "Mayorsville" for some unknown reason . . . always has a secret smile . . . pondering over something mischievous, probably.

**Dick Hull** . . . tall and fair-headed . . . "Moe" was co-captain of basketball team . . . was junior backstroke champ in '39 . . . hobbies are mostly sports . . . was just as thrilled as the other boys when playing for Coach Ruff . . . longtime member of the "Pineapple clip" gang . . . has a host of friends and makes a swell friend himself . . . additional information: he's a wolf.

**Jackie Johnson** . . . possessed a lovely diamond . . . boy friend missed her . . . so sent her another one . . . now flashes two brilliant diamonds around . . . quite the lively gal . . . always jumping around in the journalism room . . . always jumping . . . always fighting with LaRhea . . . but they soon make up again . . . is assistant sports clothes buyer at a downtown department store . . . has an enlightening personality.

**Marie Knause** . . . rather tall . . . mischievous . . . blonde . . . always into something . . . remember the cat . . . once had sack of candy . . . tackled by Mac . . . no sack . . . no candy . . . almost no Marie . . . craves to be successful lap-sitter (secretary) . . . hobbies . . . rope jumping . . . called "Brat" by Evelyn Gale . . . and . . . everyone else . . . has one big moment . . . graduation . . . fashions own pleated skirts . . . educated gum snapper.

**Shirley Kummerfeldt** . . . petite lass with plenty of personality . . . aspires to become a private secretary . . . to travel over the world . . . and then to hook a man . . . we think she's done that to Harvey Elder . . . remembers how hurt her dignity was after that spectacular fall . . . remembers the day she gypped . . . remembers getting caught, too . . . her biggest thrill will be graduation.

**Dorothy Lacona** . . . short and petite . . . loves to have fun and can produce her own fun . . . has been one of Lincoln's best dressed girls for a long time . . . very polite and mannerly . . . pretty black curls . . . likes her harlequin glasses . . . incidentally we like them too . . . never felt embarrassed . . . a nice girl to know.

**Merle Johnston** . . . tall, thin, wise-cracking philosopher . . . slow and easy-going . . . appears to be bashful . . . claims never to have been embarrassed . . . or wouldn't tell if he had . . . likes golf and tennis . . . for entertainment would choose either picnics or dances . . . wants to be an aviation machinist's mate.

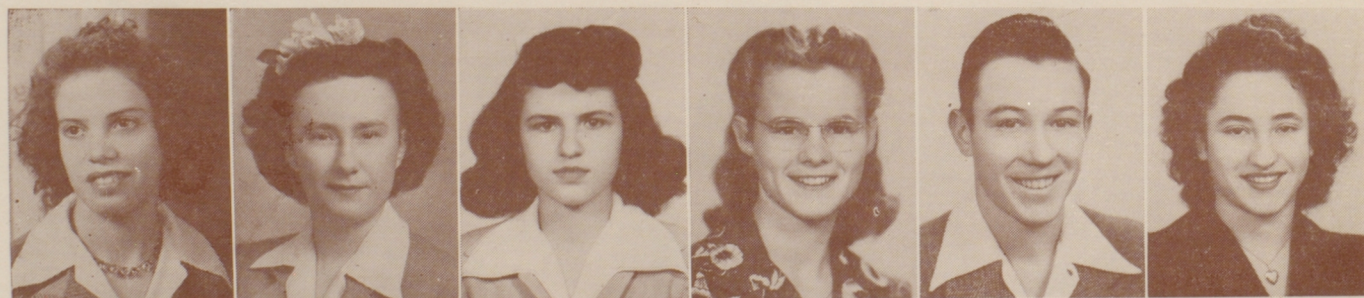
**Kenneth Joss** . . . class prexy . . . sports editor on staff . . . a great sportsman . . . football, golf, basketball . . . also interested in "Sis" but NOT just incidentally . . . wants to go in the army and be in the plain ol' infantry . . . we couldn't win without the infantry—or probably without Ken . . . at least Lincoln couldn't . . . would like to go to college for purpose of being an All-American . . . Miss Mac's dependable pride and joy.

**Betty Kissel** . . . "Bett" . . . little blonde . . . cute . . . pixilated personality . . . member of student council . . . interest is in the navy . . . ambition . . . to be a good housewife . . . wonder if it could be Harry that she's thinking of? . . . belongs to the "Shortie Club" . . . hobbies . . . bicycling . . . ice skating . . . dancing . . . always on the go . . . never sits still . . . uses a lot of energy for such a little girl.

**Norma Laws** . . . a poetic miss . . . dreamy . . . has some down-to-earth freckles . . . scattered about her face tho . . . but they're cute . . . ambitious to become a super saleswoman . . . or public speaker . . . looks like and is called "Daisy Mae" . . . her "Lil Abner's" down south too . . . in the Army . . . another gal who wears a beautiful diamond . . . right where it belongs . . . member of leaders club . . . G.A.A.

**Vernon Lester** . . . short fellow . . . always in a hurry . . . and why shouldn't he be? . . . being circulation manager of the regular Rail . . . and organization manager of the Senior Rail . . . very, very dependable as Miss Mac and the kids can testify . . . has already taken that fatal step . . . middle-aisled it with Myra in May . . . a fellow who's full of fun.

**Frances Leto** . . . long black hair . . . quiet . . . but not shy . . . a smooth dancer . . . appeared in style show . . . another girl with a big sparkler . . . face turned brilliant red after falling off bicycle . . . in front of boyfriend too . . . helped teacher in grade school . . . better marks of course . . . "Fan" is artistic . . . enjoys collecting letters and pictures . . . real ambition is to graduate.





**Rose Jean Lewis** . . . petite and pretty lassie . . . secretary of student council . . . co-editor of regular Rail . . . busy little gal . . . undetermined about everything and wishes she could make up her mind . . . also possesses a secret ambition . . . doesn't remember having been embarrassed . . . wishes something or someone would come along and thrill her . . . we hope so too, Rosie . . . Shortie club member.

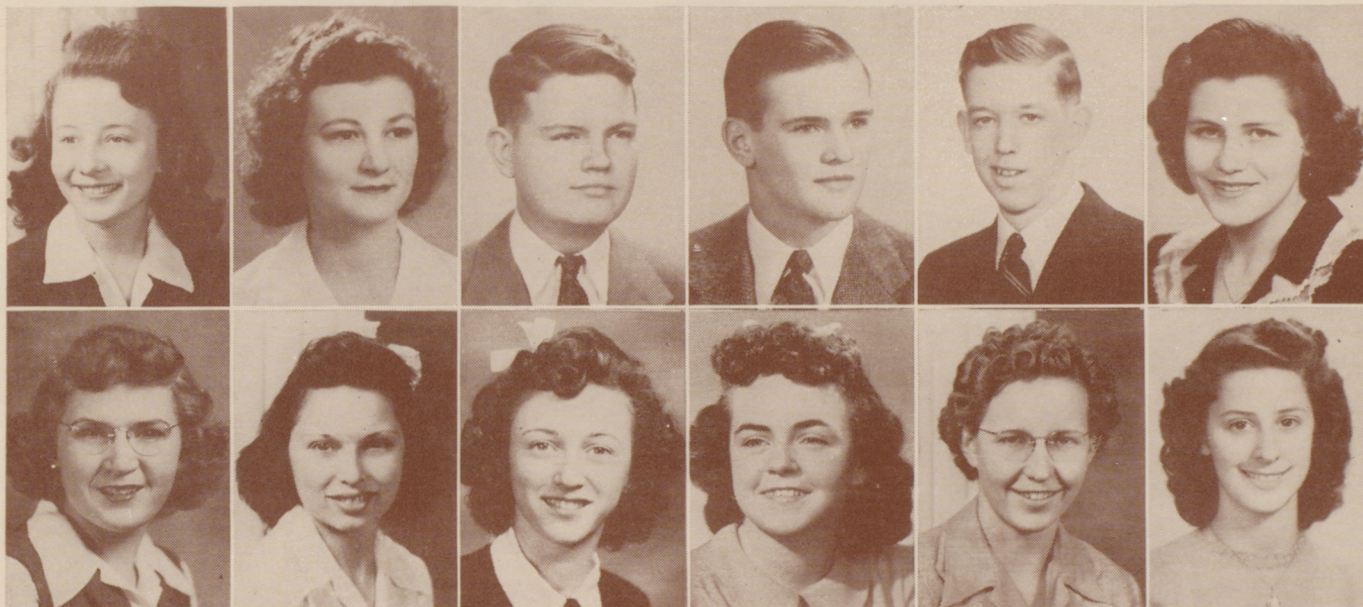
**Alma Likes** . . . saucy lil' gal . . . pearly white teeth . . . usually snapping her gum . . . sleeping . . . dancing . . . sleeping . . . biggest thrill could be a certain young doctor . . . loyal to nurse's staff . . . has cute way of turning up nose . . . knows it and so-o . . . turns it up . . . but not in disdain . . . very ambitious . . . wants to be a secretary to some big shot . . . or be a woman in white . . . and her mind often wanders in history . . . too often.

**Randall Macon** . . . tall like Texas . . . talks like Texas . . . walks like Texas . . . comes from Texas . . . was member of band . . . member of Hi-Y . . . hobby is anything that requires little effort . . . just a typical southerner . . . he claims nothing ever happens to him . . . ambition is to hold highest honors given by the navy . . . "Tex" . . . possesses a pleasing personality.

**William Macy** . . . tall, blond, and very handsome . . . gets around . . . prexy of projectors' league, also co-captain of swimming team . . . stamp collecting is his outside interest . . . "Williamus" was feeling great before the lights went out at a certain party but was he scarlet when the lights went on . . . immediate ambition is army air corps . . . almost blew up East high's chemistry lab . . . result . . . teacher almost blew up.

**Charles Madison** . . . has been called "Dopey" for years . . . but fondly . . . given to making inane sayings . . . the very essence of friendliness . . . a guy who doesn't go in for any sort of sham . . . nobody knows his most embarrassing moment and he doesn't intend that anyone shall . . . likes baseball . . . one keen guy . . . always on the level.

**Betty Mason** . . . "Al" student . . . "Al" friend . . . clearly remembers the time she threw a boy's hat on the school garage . . . clearly remembers sitting in the principal's office . . . will never forget the trip west with her brother . . . will never forget the three point landing on the dance floor . . . "Robin Hood" . . . ambition is to be a success in business, and as a housewife . . . will no doubt succeed.



**Marion Martin** . . . got scared to death when she fell into a lake with her girl friend . . . became more frightened when she found out that the girl friend couldn't swim . . . sadly recalls singing a solo for humming in class . . . "Mae" says that graduation will be her biggest thrill . . . Albert Bennett fits in too . . . a friend of all.

**Maxine Marturello** . . . short . . . snappy . . . pretty black hair . . . but always cuttin' in . . . fancy roller skater . . . between skates she collects snapshots . . . always bubbling over with laughter . . . slips aspirins into cokes to see results . . . no effect, but disappointment is staggering . . . "Mac" or "Mouse" plans to marry for money (she says) then travel the world in luxury . . . scrappy . . . usually spating with Marie Knause.

**Mary Lou Mohler** . . . hails from Park Avenue . . . "Lou" can always be seen with Mary Ellen or "Jerry" . . . biggest thrill is yet to come (she says) . . . tiny; but dynamite comes in small packages . . . Tiny's spare moments are taken up with ice skating, dancing and shortie club . . . no embarrassing moments or grade school skeletons (at least they won't be told, here).

**Jeraldine Murrow** . . . quiet but oh so nice . . . big brown eyes . . . biggest thrill is Jimmie . . . her diamond ring is the pride of her life . . . during grade school days headaches would continuously bother "Jerry" at the beginning of arithmetic period . . . then surprisingly disappear at the close of the period . . . dancing, bicycling, and shortie club take up all of her loafing time.

**Ruth Nelson** . . . was embarrassed to tears when she tried paying for her lunch with a slug . . . says her favorite hobby is loafing . . . and then to loaf some more . . . is still waiting patiently for just one little thrill . . . member of G.A.A. and leaders' club . . . proud possessor of monograms from 300 way up to 1,500 . . . her foremost ambition is to attend Moody Bible School.

**Gertrude Newton** . . . "Gertie" is the gal with the expressive brown eyes . . . quiet and shy . . . but only till you know her . . . every intention of becoming a darn good nurse . . . and will probably . . . writing letters to service men . . . showed school girl embarrassment when school teacher nearly intercepted love note from boy friend . . . on tennis team for two years . . . faithful leaders' club and G.A.A. member . . . swell to have around.



**Bill O'Keefe** . . . "The great O'Keefe" really went out for football last season . . . ended up on the first all-city team . . . and the fifth all-state squad . . . was most embarrassed when a colored girl beat him up in grade school . . . he got even . . . "Porky" wants to spend 20 years in the navy . . . have a girl in every port . . . and end up a batch.

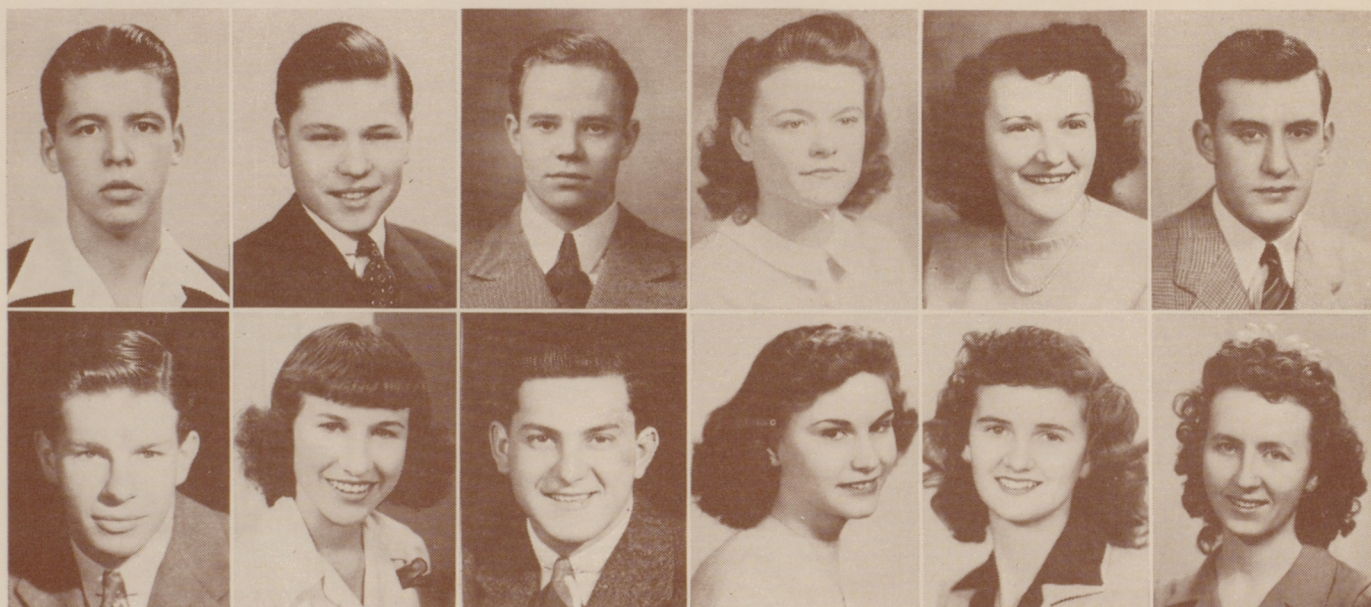
**Louis Parisi** . . . makes his hobby football and baseball . . . knew how to get around his kindergarten teacher . . . just cried and cried . . . so teacher gave him a sucker . . . lost his ability of getting around teachers in senior high . . . and teachers called him "smarty" . . . "Breezy" says his most thrilling experience was registering for the draft . . . hopes the "draft" will eventually blow him into the signal corps . . . personality plus.

**James Parker** . . . shortest shortie in the class . . . claims he has absolutely no ambition and probably hasn't . . . qads around in his model A (which doesn't mean model auto) . . . "J. C. Parker" names girls as the best hobby any man (question mark) can have . . . the blame for his shortened growth goes to the teachers who scared him out of his growth by too much school work.

**Carmen Pearce** . . . ebony hair . . . snowy skin . . . lovely dark eyes . . . brags of her high bowling scores . . . one person who can . . . a skatin' whizz . . . becoming a successful business woman would satisfy her . . . biggest thrill will soon come . . . graduation . . . short gal . . . nickname . . . "Carmie" or just plain "Carm" . . . runs around with Juanita . . . together they look like "Mutt" and "Jeff."

**Lois Pearson** . . . gay . . . giddy . . . giggly . . . and lots of fun . . . admires sister who is a WAVE . . . would like to follow her example . . . was so thrilled when she received Bob Clemmer's diamond . . . spends her time writing and telling him so . . . remembers being a "Tattle-tale" in grade school . . . remembers Fred Potthoff chasing her home . . . sadly remembers the time she fell on a dance floor . . . "Flash".

**Fred Potthoff** . . . has a unique hobby . . . likes to shine his shoes . . . also eat . . . in fact he likes to eat so much that he works in the cafeteria . . . just to be near food . . . nice looking . . . dresses neatly . . . wants to make good in the army air corps . . . and we know he will . . . thrills to a march played by a good band . . . remembers with reddening face being whipped in grade school . . . nice fellow, "Pottsie."



**James Reilly** . . . "Ownie" . . . ambition is farming . . . how you gonna keep him down on the farm? . . . claims he's never been embarrassed . . . probably not . . . prexy of senior "Hi Y" . . . received class key from January '43 class . . . biggest thrill was running on a state champ relay team . . . playing on city champ football team . . . if a master-of-ceremonies is needed . . . call Jim . . . typical Lincoln wolf.

**Doris Reit** . . . was mortified when her boyfriend caught her out with someone else . . . now has his diamond . . . is always sketching . . . is always winning prizes . . . won 1st place for her coat design . . . many more . . . was staff artist . . . on banquet committee . . . "Robin Hood" . . . would like to be a commercial artist . . . but being a housewife would suit her fine.

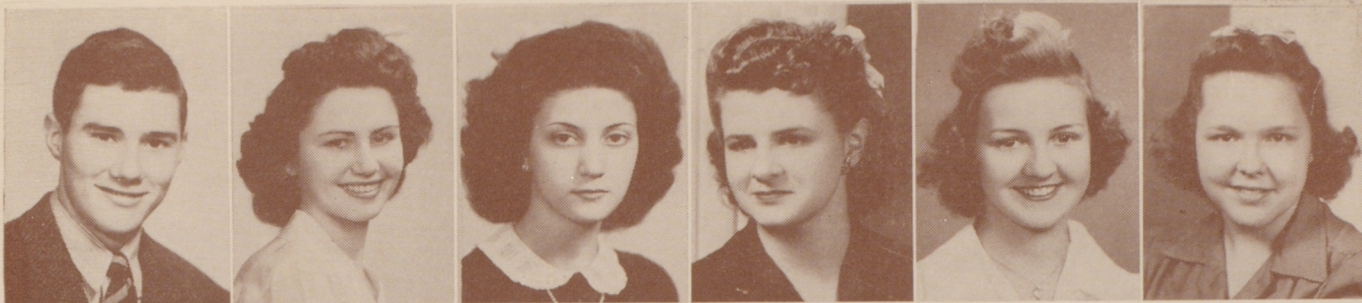
**Dominic Renzo** . . . "Niggle" made a very good thug in "The Secret Door" . . . either thugged or slugged everybody . . . as punishment for being too talkative in grade school he had to stay under a teacher's desk . . . ambition to be a radio announcer surprises everyone . . . nevertheless he's just the one to do it . . . "Nagger" remembers the ride he was taken on after the senior get-together in Glenn Fackler's jalopy . . . was sure it was one way ride and would end up in a tree . . . unique hobby of collecting girls' names.

**Pauline Rittel** . . . "Pauly" would make a gorgeous model . . . 5' 7" . . . with a refreshing smile . . . won't disclose her most embarrassing moment . . . says that it was just too, too . . . ardent member of G.A.A. and leaders' club . . . can prove it by her monograms . . . clever with feature material . . . clever with news column . . . clever . . . wants to be a nurse . . . or follow in sister's footsteps and become a WAVE.

**Doris Robbins** . . . yell "Dot," "Skinny," "Hey Kid," or just whistle and . . . here comes Doris . . . always had ulterior interests in twins, especially boy twins . . . which twins she doesn't tell . . . has been embarrassed so many, many times she can't relate any specific incident . . . gentlemen prefer this blonde . . . also like her grin . . . very friendly and in any opinion one of the swellest girls at Lincoln.

**Eleanor Robbins** . . . slim . . . quiet . . . but very ambitious . . . home room secretary . . . supposed to catch the late ones, but usually forgets to come herself . . . trips lightly over the ivories . . . would like to study music and play concerts over the U. S. . . once carried suitcase down busy street on windy day . . . suitcase came open . . . consequently unmentionables . . . wrote grade school principal, his son was to be kidnapped . . . "Peaches" paid ransom by spending next morning in principal's office.





**Frederick Roland** . . . here's a guy that will josh someone anytime . . . and place . . . can take a good ribbing himself . . . we all remember what a lovely lady he was for the get-together . . . a friendly fellow not in the least bit stuffy . . . wants to be a radio announcer . . . would be a good one . . . ad lib all over the place . . . "Bugs," . . . "Ducky."

**Mary Scogin** . . . short . . . dainty . . . quiet as a churchmouse . . . was beautiful homecoming queen attendant . . . thrilled when received first roses from Bill . . . but biggest thrill is Bill . . . loves collecting pictures . . . also dancing . . . but only with Bill . . . fell flat on her face (?) at a jubilee . . . was she red? . . . "Skadegon's" . . . ambition is to work in a gib office . . . or . . . become Mrs. Flaherty.

**Marianne Severeno** . . . a gal with gleaming hair and sparkling teeth . . . would love to dance all night . . . all day too . . . wants to be a wonderful secretary . . . or just plain good . . . wanted to sink through floor when first date came . . . but didn't . . . just didn't go . . . once played big sister to Rosie . . . got herself into big mess . . . wiggled out somehow though . . . smart girl.

**Jerre Sonneborn** . . . quite the girl . . . claims she possesses charm . . . but Miss Holmes differs . . . quite talkative . . . always chattering . . . always getting caught . . . but never embarrassed . . . plays a mean game of tennis . . . loves to bowl . . . around 66 . . . publicity manager of regular Rail . . . editor of Messenger News . . . to be a woman of leisure would suit Jerre . . . a grand gal with plenty of personality.

**Darwin Spoonholtz** . . . "Butch" was most thrilled at learning to drive . . . now tears around everywhere . . . has a penetrating look . . . but is very genial . . . went out for track . . . pesters his sister in true brotherly fashion . . . wants to be an auto mechanic in the army . . . one nice fellow.

**Mildred Stocker** . . . friendly girl . . . brown hair . . . makes a loyal friend . . . used to be her sewing teacher's worst pest in grade school . . . has changed . . . a hard working student . . . doesn't aspire to anything yet . . . wants to get out and look around first . . . keen sense of humor.

**Ruth Shanahan** . . . petite . . . dimpled grin . . . with plenty of mischief in it . . . collects friends' (male) snapshots . . . styles own hair-do . . . small curl over one eye . . . once kissed by "Romero" . . . in front of many onlookers . . . mortified to tears . . . "Blondie" aspires to become a good housewife . . . to her biggest thrill, Bob . . . was teacher's pet . . . in grade school days . . . and lived to regret it.

**Marjorie Shaw** . . . pretty blonde . . . was a gorgeous homecoming attendant . . . St. Monica gal . . . Bill Haines' gal . . . was awfully thrilled at receiving engagement ring . . . has no definite ideas about a career . . . wants to be a success though and she's the type who will be . . . quiet . . . not shy . . . has a smile for everything, everybody . . . never, never, never embarrassed . . . at least won't admit it . . . we believe her . . . "Shawsie" to friends.

**Velma Slavens** . . . short . . . plump . . . cute blonde . . . has beautiful collection of dogs . . . looks to future as secretary to big business man . . . loves sports . . . but retains dignity . . . earned four G.A.A. monograms . . . once tried reaching upper floor on descending escalator . . . never quite made it . . . often with Lucille . . . Blondie or Bill tags her . . . helps at candy counter.

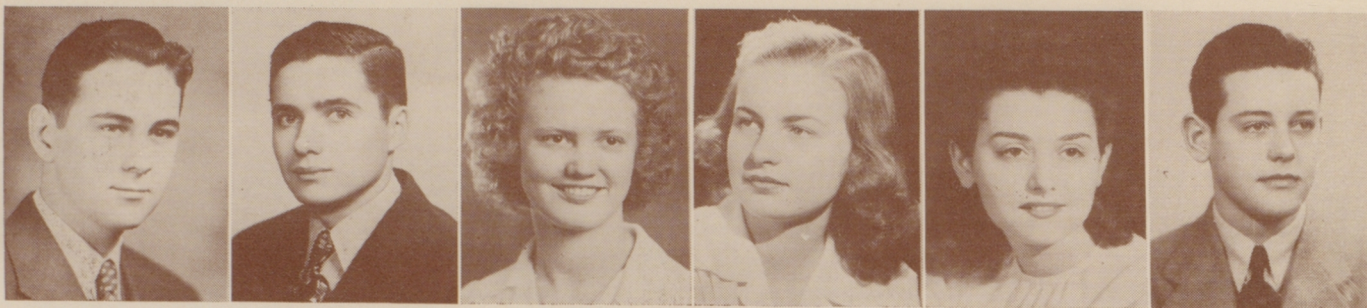
**Helen Tam** . . . "Tammy" is the journalistic walking dictionary . . . very nice looking . . . very nice . . . her most embarrassing moment was a bathing suit episode . . . bit a cute boy in grammar school . . . had to stay . . . remembers when she had a crush on Bill O'Keefe in 8B . . . over that now . . . her first date was biggest thrill . . . ambition is to write silly poetry, which silly people will pay silly prices to read.

**William Tarr** . . . oh so tall . . . oh so dark . . . and oh! so handsome . . . cans a rickety jalopy around . . . works . . . so doesn't have time for athletics . . . has lots of ambitions . . . headed for the navy air corps . . . scholarship to Drake . . . but main objective is a green eyed blonde . . . usually roams with Pete and Tim.

**Tom Textor** . . . wheee-ee---drives (?) a Ford . . . but decided would rather fly a plane . . . so took it up with the naval authorities . . . and flew to the top . . . in navy air corps now . . . later desires to become a good lawyer . . . frankly, admits too many embarrassing moments . . . "The Outlaw King" . . . projectors' league . . . swimming team . . . student council . . . a right guy.







**Paul Town** . . . typically tall, dark, and handsome . . . definitely a ladies' man . . . from the ladies' point of view . . . but he prefers airplanes . . . builds model airplanes . . . also has been sworn into the army air force . . . until he leaves he spends some time on photography, bowling and golf . . . flunking second grade was no indication of his mental ability . . . member of service home-room 120.

**Jack Tripplett** . . . one swell guy . . . very serious . . . very masculine . . . enjoys hunting, fishing, and baseball . . . and food . . . was never embarrassed or so he claims . . . has a worthy ambition . . . to be an ambulance driver overseas . . . was thrilled at a certain automobile ride but won't tell when . . . has many a nickname . . . "Jack," "Jake" or "John."

**Jean Van Ginkle** . . . tall blonde . . . always grinning . . . always dancing . . . always can be seen at the Tromar . . . engaged to a sailor named Johnnie . . . yelled "hello" to him . . . turned out to be the wrong sailor . . . ate a basket of cherries which belonged to home room teacher in grade school . . . became so sorry . . . "Toothpick" . . . "Ginkie."

**Juanita Warrick** . . . quite tall, quite blonde . . . but not quiet . . . friendly with everyone . . . has a big laugh . . . "Firewagon" turned red at birthday party when given a pair . . . well, just a pair ( ) . . . desires to become a nurse . . . lives up to nickname "Lanky" . . . also "Grandma" . . . doesn't act it . . . smart as a whip.

**Jerry Welch** . . . treasurer of class . . . was thrilled when Jean Dyer said "yes" to that certain question . . . but not surprised . . . wants to be an officer in something and also thinks Jean would be nice to come home to . . . he saves pennies . . . admires B. Franklin no doubt . . . was good boy in grade school, but was seen walking that beat more than was necessary.

**Doris Wenger** . . . smooth, rosy complexioned girl . . . smiling brown eyes . . . a quality product of Park Avenue . . . sports two G.A.A. monograms . . . claims swimming and photography are her hobbies . . . but . . . the air corps creates a pastime of correspondence . . . wants only to be successful . . . biggest thrill was jaunt to Rocky mountains . . . used to wade in mud with Phyllis, Virginia, and Patti . . . nickname "Dorsey."

**La Rhea Van Horn** . . . no one can decide what to call her . . . La Rhea or Sally . . . she'll come to either . . . would like to be a doctor . . . after a few days of her bedside manner, some rich, handsome patient would no doubt succumb to her spell . . . admires true blue people . . . first date and being drum major provided biggest thrills . . . another air corps enthusiast.

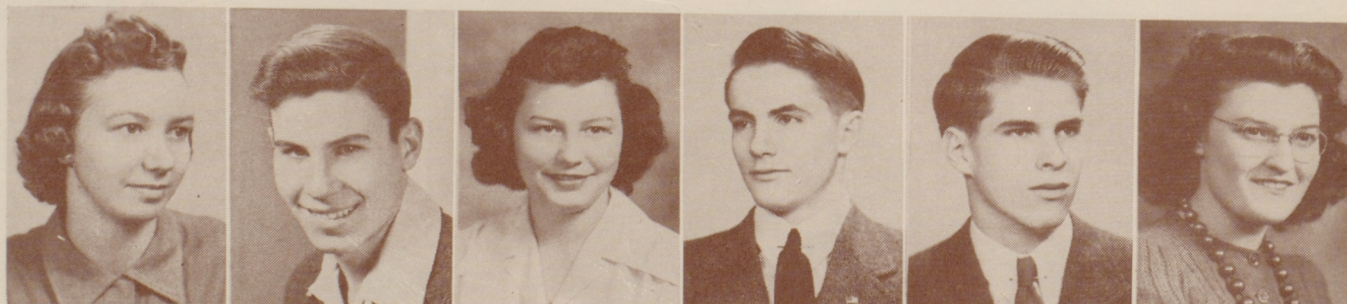
**Theresa Van Trisk** . . . the Hedy LaMarr type . . . slim . . . dark . . . so lovely . . . so glamorous . . . designs and sews her own clothes . . . wears them beautifully . . . thrilled when modeled for Look Magazine . . . so poised, that she has never experienced embarrassment . . . wants to be a successful business woman.

**Bill Wallace** . . . tall and dark . . . wears a broad and slightly bashful grin on his face . . . thought the navy air corps test a lot of fun . . . also thrilling . . . wants to fly a navy "Flying Boat" . . . collects records especially boogie-woogie . . . member of golf team . . . was embarrassed when Ken Joss beat him at a game of golf . . . biggest thrill has been for years, Pat Green.

**Bernard Wilson** . . . ever so "Tyrone Powerish" . . . tall . . . dark . . . handsome . . . ever so dramatic . . . in "Robin Hood" . . . "Almost Eighteen" . . . "The Secret Door" . . . co-editor of the weekly Rail . . . eagle scout . . . speaking before the Rotary club provided biggest thrill . . . "Willie" shares birthday cake with twin Burton . . . ambition is to be connected with radio . . . will pave a road to the door of success.

**Burton Wilson** . . . blond and better half of the Wilson twins . . . or so he claims . . . vice president and then president of student council . . . outstanding (?) member of basketball team . . . "Burt's" ambition is to be an officer in the army air corps . . . in grade school, rotten eggs flew between boys and girls . . . Burt was in the middle . . . oh, rotten luck!

**Mary Wilson** . . . quiet but very friendly . . . by any measure, one of the friendliest persons in Lincoln . . . auburn hair . . . bright eyes . . . loves to strum a guitar . . . also loves to sketch . . . her biggest thrill, like many others, will be graduation . . . remembers with laughter that she used to be locked in the grade school for crying . . . called "Merl."







**Henry Jerome Wonderlin** . . . was pride and joy of Martinsdale . . . stamp collecting is his main hobby . . . once treked to New York with Wayne Ellis (boy scouts) . . . bus broke down and Henry went sight-seeing . . . almost missed the bus . . . wants to travel . . . since it's free in the navy . . . wants lots of money (as who doesn't?) . . . claims women thrill him and vice versa . . . but is slightly bashful . . . "Hank" or "Jerry" will bring him quickly.

**Virginia Woodford** . . . slender girl . . . beautiful blue-black wavy tresses . . . was contestant in a beauty contest . . . should have won, we think . . . hobbies, ambition, and thrills all center around a guy name of Doug . . . would like to play boogie woogie on the ivories which is probably why they call her "Thumper" . . . also "Ginger."

**Bette Wright** . . . sorta tall . . . sorta thin . . . and good at everything . . . loves dancing and fishing (except the worms) . . . didn't mind baiting Phil . . . and did he swallow the line? years to be a good artist . . . is that right now . . . admits there have been plenty of embarrassing moments . . . but won't tell when . . . awaits the thrill of graduation . . . and Phil's furlough . . . usually seen with Mary Wilson . . . "Slim" . . . "Becky."

**Casper Braafhart** . . . impresses people as being shy . . . but has a certain group of girls google-eyed . . . pleases the feminine sex . . . arrived from Knoxville high last December to join Abe Lincoln's family . . . when he graduates he wants to enter the field of aviation . . . medium height . . . handsome and stands his ground. (Not pictured.)

**Lena York** . . . magnet York . . . that's what we call her . . . attracts men . . . men attract her . . . just as cute as she is little . . . her ambition was to have stenographic position at the R&T . . . fulfilled it . . . now types fan mail for "Your Baby and Mine" . . . loves to play tennis . . . loves to bowl . . . tried golf . . . tried again . . . decided to stick to tennis . . . co-editor of the Senior Rail . . . news editor of the regular Rail . . . "Young April" . . . chairman of banquet committee.

**Helen Gorrell** (August graduate) . . . chemical redhead with "specs" to match . . . mischievous grin . . . loves jokes, food and fun . . . vivacious . . . gets around lots now but positively says she will soon settle down to one man . . . doesn't say who he is . . . a girl of many moods . . . mostly happy ones.

**Virginia Prothero** (August graduate) . . . petite blonde lassie . . . angelic expression . . . angelic actions . . . is just as shy as she appears . . . pretty charms charm her and vice-versa . . . has a large collection . . . has never been embarrassed . . . yet . . . has a certain guy in mind when she speaks of marriage . . . "Bashful."

**Elma Louise Kern** . . . came to Lincoln from Lafayette high . . . works in a shoe store . . . once modeled hose in a hosiery store . . . hose guaranteed not to bag . . . they hung in ruffles on her knees while she tried to sell them to a customer . . . no sale . . . very thrilled when she received her engagement ring . . . very anxious to have a nice home . . . was married at Eastertime . . . is now Mrs. Herndom . . . but to Lincolniters, she's still, "Shorty." (Not pictured)

## These Things We Record

7. Owen Maxwell, Harry Hammond and Charles Cartmill joined the navy; and Bob Haycock, the marines. 8. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek visited America, captivating every one with her beauty and brains. 9. Every girl was debating how to spend her No. 17 shoe stamp. 10. Roddy MacDowall visited Des Moines, one of the points of an "Americanization" tour.

1. Rose Jean Lewis and Bernard Wilson were co-editors of the Regular Rail. 2. Burton (Bernard's twin) was elected president of the student council. 3. On entering Room 120, one might be met with an exclamation of . . . frong!! or be blown out by frong

11. "Beanie" Lester was the first to marry, thereby being the good humored recipient of some good humor. 12. Ken Joss was honored with a place on the all-city basketball team. 13. Mr. Meffert stepped into the vice-principal's role while Mr. Betz stepped out to assume the principalship at Amos Hiatt.

powder. 4. Lena York and Mary Ellen Ahlberg were elected as co-editors of the Senior Rail. 5. Zoot suits were on their way out even tho' Li'l Abner tried to popularize them. 6. It was V-1, V-5, V-12, and V for Victory in every boy's vocabulary.







#### Senior Student Council —

Top Row, left to right: Codey, Hedberg, Herker, Loffredo, Payne, Berard, McKinnon, Falkenhainer, Brown.

Fourth Row: Robbins, Griffin, Thomas, Christian, Shaw, Davidson, Roth, Strohn.

Third Row: Bloomquist, Slavens, Donato, Kastler, Van Ginkle, Oliver, Randall.

Second Row: Ahlberg, Lewis, Ratcliffe, Mr. Hutchens, Wilson, Mannett, Montray, Kissel.

First Row: Scheckler, Heathcote, Fergus, Baker.

## Where There's Liberty There's Responsibility

We have it, and so do they. But what a difference there is between the organized youth of Lincoln high and the Youth movement of Axis infamy!

Junior and senior student councils, composed of representatives elected by home room students, have become traditional governing bodies of Abraham Lincoln high school.

But with the war came the introduction of the Victory Corps, a comprehensive organization which may include any student who wishes to participate.

Lincoln's group is part of a nation-wide movement.

Said President Roosevelt, "The high school students of America, acting as a united body for a definite purpose, can be one of the strongest groups in the United States."

Since December 1942 when Lincoln's corps was established, the organization has gained recognition through its participation in victory security drives; book, scrap metal, and paper contributions; and its assistance in the war rationing program.

Doris Wenger, member of Lincoln's branch of the corps, served as vice-president of the all-city Victory Corps council.

**Monitors** —First Row, left to right: Kissell, Kennedy, Martin, Rogerson, Wallace, Wyckoff, Wineland, Montray, Carmen.

Second Row: Brickman, Olsen, Robbins, Comito, Walker, Parks, Scholing, Anderson, Bisignano.

Third Row: Peterson, Beam, Carl, Frost, Beck, McKinnon, Watrous, Lewis, Ostrem.

Fourth Row: Christian, Brown, Clark, Berry, Cramer, Wright, Herker, Brubaker, Metherton.

Fifth Row: Grate, Polsom, Madison, Sherman, Tomkinson, Sloan, Brown, Burgett, Sineweaver, Frazier.

**Senior Girls' Glee Club**— First Row: Millard, Millard, Moore, Hollenquist, Broad.

Second Row: Lyons, Tarr, Helton, De Leon, Green, Martin.

Third Row: Mrs. Mapel, Hildebrand, Russell, Hines, Ackelson.

Fourth Row: Paterna, Mitchell, Henderson, Newton, Butler, Stahl, Pearson, Rogers.





7B's



Girls' Glee Club



Monitor



We

**Journalism 2** — First Row, left to right: Clemmer, York, Wilson, Marturello.  
 Second Row: Barber, Van Horn, Textor, Lewis, Joss, Wilson, Ahlberg.  
 Third Row: Cavender, Tam, Boudewyn, Scogin, Flaherty, Sonneborn.  
 Fourth Row: Forsyth, Miss McFarland, Newton, Bradley, Griffin, Hedberg, Falbo.  
 Fifth Row: Lester, Knause, Deever, Rittel, O'Keefe, Pearson, Folsom.



**Junior Student Council —**

Front Row, left to right: Trent, McLaughlin, Mitchell, Titus, Flaherty.

Second Row: Canfield, Winegardner, Priart, Mrs. Robbins, Hanifen, Van Ginkel, Craft, Wineland.

Third Row: Rump, Bruce, Reeves, Sherman, Botkin, Kastler, Hagan, Hemming.

Fourth Row: Houseman, Greenrod, Hamlin, Matson, Folsom, Easton, Wallace, Nigro, Mitchell.

Back Row: Nichols, Merkle, Walker, Cunningham, Thomas, Hollingsworth, Swennomson, Gennovese, Cavender, Gilbert.



# Write As We Please

Take a peep into the journalism room. Notice our freedom. Notice our staff. Notice us!

We write as we please. Our thoughts aren't censored; the only censorship we know is that of grammar and spelling! And believe us, "Miss Mac" is plenty partial to that thing called "accuracy!"

From the day we enter journalism, we are given freedom but never license of speech. We elect our own staff; set our own standards; use our own imagination—and wish we had more!

Our staff members are chosen according to ability, not by popularity, for the policy of The Railsplitter is: the better staff . . . the more news . . . the superior paper.

We work as individuals, yet we co-operate as a single unit to accomplish a common goal.

And when each Railsplitter rolls off the press, representing the unified effort of many participants, it proves anew that in American high schools, students "write as they please."



**Journalism 1** — Top Row, left to right: Stanley, Elder, Shaw, Reynolds, Morrow.

Fifth Row: Comiskey, Mason, Cross, Carl.

Fourth Row: Harmon, Anderson, Barard, Kummerfeldt, Miss McFarland.

Third Row: Prothero, Tate, Bloomquist, Clark, Mohler.

Second Row: Gemmill, Cherry.

First Row: Davis.





# Freedom For The Free

1. Jeanette and "Phit E" in their informal "get up."
2. Some of the math wolves.
3. Vivian Bradley.
4. Helen Tam—grin and bear it.
5. "Gordy," "Beanie," Gene, Rudy and "Moe," "On Review."
6. John Hanifen—local cowboy.
7. Merle Johnson rides tonight—on the rail.
8. Jeannette Freeman — 'way back when.
9. Flora Lea Rogers—stealing some of Jeannette's and "Phit E's" stuff.
10. Marion Shay—take a look at that—ski sweater.
11. Ilena, Melcher and Mary—part of the gang.
12. Bill Jacobs—that old familiar smile.
13. Harry York—only the beginning of those rabbits.
14. Could it be Betty Kissel with those bewitching bangs?
15. "Ben" and Burt—gruesome two-some.
16. Jimmie Parker — Lincoln's sweater "girl."
17. Bill and "Moe"—necking on the lawn.
18. Juanita Warrick—just a snap from the past.
19. Ruth and Bob.
20. Pauline and Gertrude—leg art.
21. Betty Lundgren.
22. Jack Evans—just back from the Bad-lands.
23. Ilena Defino and Chuck Falbo.
24. "Ginny," Jerre, Ray and Helen—it takes only two of those feet to make a yard.
25. Marie and Pete at Pella? Could be.
26. Ray Reinhart (should be enlarged).





# No Frigate Like A Book

"Laws die, books never" . . . but they are sometimes burned.

Ten years ago, many books in Germany met that fate. Volumes representing years of work . . . documents recording endless research . . . irretrievable manuscripts—all relegated to shameful destruction.

A new volume, "Mein Kampf," meaning "My Battle," was written by Adolph Hitler. It became the book of Germany.

Although books in Lincoln's library are highly cherished, they stand unguarded on open shelves, making in their colorful bindings, a pleasant picture to pause before.

Students have access to a multitude of books, not one of which is trimmed or torn or tailored to order.

They choose freely. They read freely. And for their freedom of choice, they have voluminous encyclopedias . . . references on English, history, science . . . mystery thrillers . . . and slender novels, popular with the stude who has a book report long past due!

In their quest for knowledge, students are guided by the librarian and her staff of student assistants. These girls read shelves, assume desk duty, and help to keep inviolate the free reading privileges which have been denied to Naziland.



**Library Staff**—First Row, left to right: Murrow, Miss Linquist, Gray.

Second Row: Mote, Noack, Rogers, Falkenhainer, Wetherton.

Third Row: Freeman, Brebner, Harmon, Anderson.

On May 10, 1935,  
Hitler ordered the  
burning of forbidden  
books.





No.2



No.1



No.3

# MUSIC



No.4



John den Boer



**Junior Mixed Chorus**—Fourth Row, left to right: Gilliam, Min-  
tle, York, Burke, Porter, Phil-  
lipps, Wilcoxon, Hayner, Conn,  
Cleveland, Crane, T. Harper, D.  
Harper.

Third Row: Russo, Matson, Frost,  
Bell, Proper, McCoy, Pieart, Nel-  
son, Reynolds, Seid, McClelland,  
DeMay.

Second Row: Clark, Swennum-  
son, Keely, Merkel, Vacco,  
Brooks, Wimer, Taft, Chittendon,  
Carlisle.

First Row: Chiodo, Isaacson,  
Wadell, Hopkins, Holgate, Geno-  
vese, Short, Wyckoff, Mapel.



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—FRANCES ELLIOTT CLARK.

**Junior Girls' Glee Club**—First Row, left to right: Schreck, Frost, Wineland, Hook, Millstead, Redmond.

Second Row: Oliver, Hurd, Warrick, Ogle, Mapel, Coulson, Wenger, Stevens.

Third Row: Yaw, Trapp, Noe, Foreman, Brickman, Prohaska, Neff, Aldera.

Fourth Row: Darnell, Hedberg, Nimecheck, Farson, Mikesell, Lacey, Ruston, Wallace, Helton.

Fifth Row: Todd, Tarr, Wright, Doane, Middleton, Anderson, Hollingsworth, Shepherd, Dooley, Kastler.

**No. 1—Orchestra**

**No. 2—Dance Band**

**No. 3—Senior Chorus**—First Row, left to right: Judd, Wal-  
lace, Stahl, Rogers, Cawden,  
Moore.

Second Row: Clark, Pearson,  
Robbins, Eaton, Streitler, Holmes.

Third Row: Butler, Reyes,  
Greene, Paterna, L. Millard, D.  
Millard, Martin.

Fourth Row: Broad, Berman,  
Mussleman, Cox, Hallinquist,  
Chicilli, Mrs. Mapel.

Fifth Row: Knudson, Cannon,  
Cunningham, Den Boer, Sealn,  
Capinego, Russell.

**No. 4—Band**





G.A.A.



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Office Staff

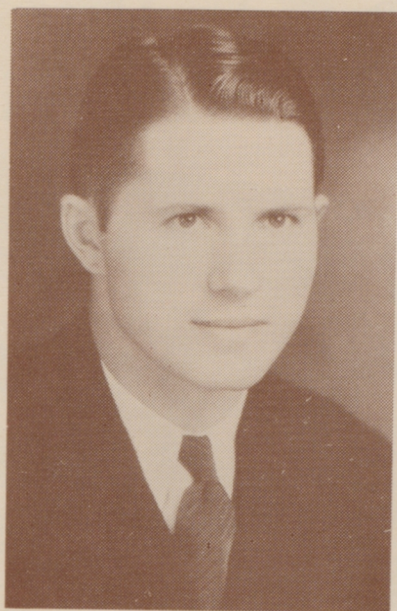


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## A Tribute To Our Coach

Coach Russell Ruff, who came to Lincoln from Atlantic high school, earned a name for himself as the passing star of the Grinnell football team during his college career.

Coach Ruff, who lettered three times in both football and basketball and was placed on the Missouri Valley Conference first team in football, came to Lincoln in September, and it was then that the Lincoln athletic teams began their climb to the top.

Starting with a bunch of hard working boys, he produced a football team which won eight games, lost none, and tied two. This team also shared city championship honors.

He then continued up the ladder of success by coaching a basketball team that won thirteen of its nineteen games, defeated every city school, and for the first time in the history of Lincoln, finished second in the city cage race.

In track Coach Ruff's team captured second place in the south central conference meet, and throughout the season added innumerable prizes to the trophy case.

Although in the past year Coach Ruff has produced athletic teams which will be remembered as the best in the history of Lincoln high, he modestly passes off any praise with, "Thanks" or "It was the boys who won the game."

Coach Ruff who expects to enter the service soon, has made a host of enduring friends at Lincoln high.

**G. A. A.**—Top Row, left to right: Ram-  
burg, Pettit, Sheldon, Walker.

Second Row: Newton, Wenger, Richards,  
J. Newton.

Third Row: Martin, Paterna, Eshelman,  
Rump.

Fourth Row: Mayer, Snyder, Schaffer, Lar-  
son, Schaffer, Eshelman, Miss Cripe, Rittel,  
Nelson, Mann, Bergstrom, Martindale.

**Service Homeroom**—First Row, left to  
right: Sears, Anderson.

Second Row: Macy, Parker, Hamlin.

Third Row: Seals, Textor, Elder.

Fourth Row: Mr. Tomlinson, Town, Fal-  
koski, Haines, Sheckler.

Fifth Row: Magnuson, Nielsen, Rank,  
Evans, Bulwan, Eshelman.

Sixth Row: Herker, Cannon, Den Boer,  
Hamlin, Featherstone, Hemphill.

**Nurses' Staff**—First Row, left to right:  
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Gemmill, Knouf.

Second Row: Clark, Rump, Cherry,  
Mitchell, Miss Dunkelberg, Pearson, Davis.

**Office Staff**—First Row, left to right: Mr.  
Hutchens, Clemmer, Anderson, Bloomquist,  
Miss Plemone, Bradish.

Second Row: York, Mrs. Hall, Jones, Holla-  
bough, Mrs. Arnold, Clark, Sonneborn.

Third Row: Freeman, Thomas, Mr. Shar-  
ratt, Mr. Meffert, Middleton, Hull, Snyder.



# SPORTS



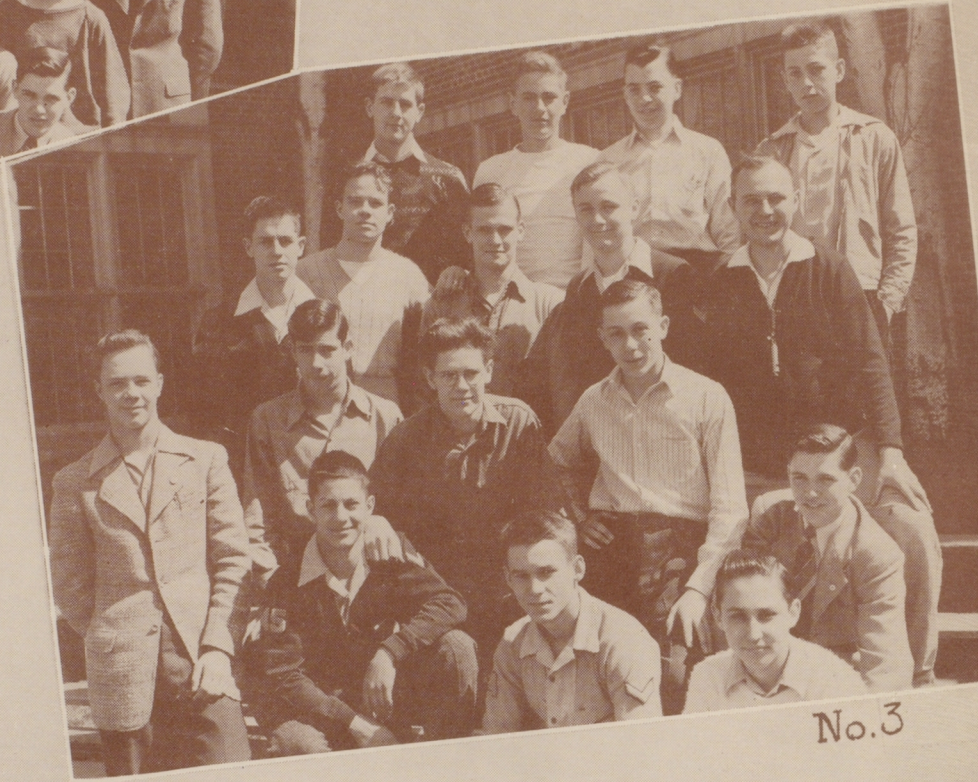
No.1



No.2



Coach Ruff



No.3



B. Allsup - D. Spoonholtz



No.4



Jim Reilly



# Sports Review of '43

Lincoln's sports teams have accounted for this season in a big way.

Outstanding in sportsmanship throughout the year, they not only shared city football honors, tied for second place in basketball, but also placed high in the sectional at Dowling.

## Sportsmen

**Track, No. 1** — Back Row, left to right: Hanifen, Abbott, Hanifen, Ostrem, Statey, Cross, Sprague.

Fourth Row: Jones, Pontiso, Stephenson, Pieart, Spoonholtz, VanGinkel, Costanzo, Hummer.

Third Row: Miller, Moore, Featherstone, Richards, Ratcliffe, Berry, Coach Ruff.

Second Row: Eshelman, Thronsdon, Allsup, Thompson, Reynolds, Reilly, Williams, Macy.

Front Row: Stephens, VanDyck, Kastler, Winegardner.

**No. 2** — Abbott, Spoonholtz, Barry, Allsup.

**Swimmers, No. 3** — Top Row, left to right: Baker, Cherry, Wilson, Simpson.

Third Row: Pritchard, Parker, Macy, Sheckler, Coach Graaff.

Second Row: Cross, Fillmen, Wiemer, Winegardner.

First Row: Ponseline, Hemming, McKinnin.

**Golf and Tennis, No. 4** — Back Row, left to right: Murphy, Tarr, Koons, Hemming, O'Keefe, Mickesh, Defino, Clemens.

Fourth Row, left to right: Weatherton, Bloomquist, Mintle, Comiskey, Musselman, Cherry, Oliver, Stevens, Walker.

Third Row, left to right: York, Sheldon, Simpson, Conn, Eshelman, Cavender, Payne, Reyes.

Second Row, left to right: Newton, Barber, Sonneborn, Coach Baskerville, Coach Morgenthaler, Bradley, Botkin, Newton.

Front Row, left to right: Joss, Wallace, Thomas.

**Basketball Team** — Fourth Row, left to right: Harvey, Van Dyke, Anderson, Williams, Mentle, McLoughlin, Buckley, Koons, Berry, Pieart, Stevens, Hailey, Coelner.

Third Row: Winegardner, F. Simon, Massimore, Sopher, Brown, Yakish, Coach Ruff.

Second Row: Elder, Parks, Clemmens, Hamlin, Kastler, R. Simon, Comiskey.

First Row: Lester, Hull, Joss, Wilson, Coy.

A few outstanding players of the year were: Gene Coy, Rudy Simon, Richard Hull, Gordon Kastler, and Ken Joss. These boys carried the Lynx to many a victory during the basketball season.

Here are those never forgotten lettermen, who defeated every city high school in basketball. They will be long remembered for those thrilling victories over both Roosevelt and North.

Gene Coy—God's gift to the women and his gift to Lincoln, one-half year yet to stay.

Ken Joss—"Ben" to his buddies. All-City first team in both football and basketball. Shared co-captain honors. Blondes preferred.

Rudy Simon—Tall, dark, and handsome. A flash at center. Another half year at Lincoln.

Richard Hull—"Dead Eye Dick" he might be called, but to those who know him he is "Moe." Shared co-captain with Ken Joss.

Gordon Kastler—All-City second team in basketball. "Bucket Nuts" remains for another season.

Vernon Lester—"Beanie" to most everyone. Small, flashy, and ambitious. He has now assumed the responsibilities of a married man.

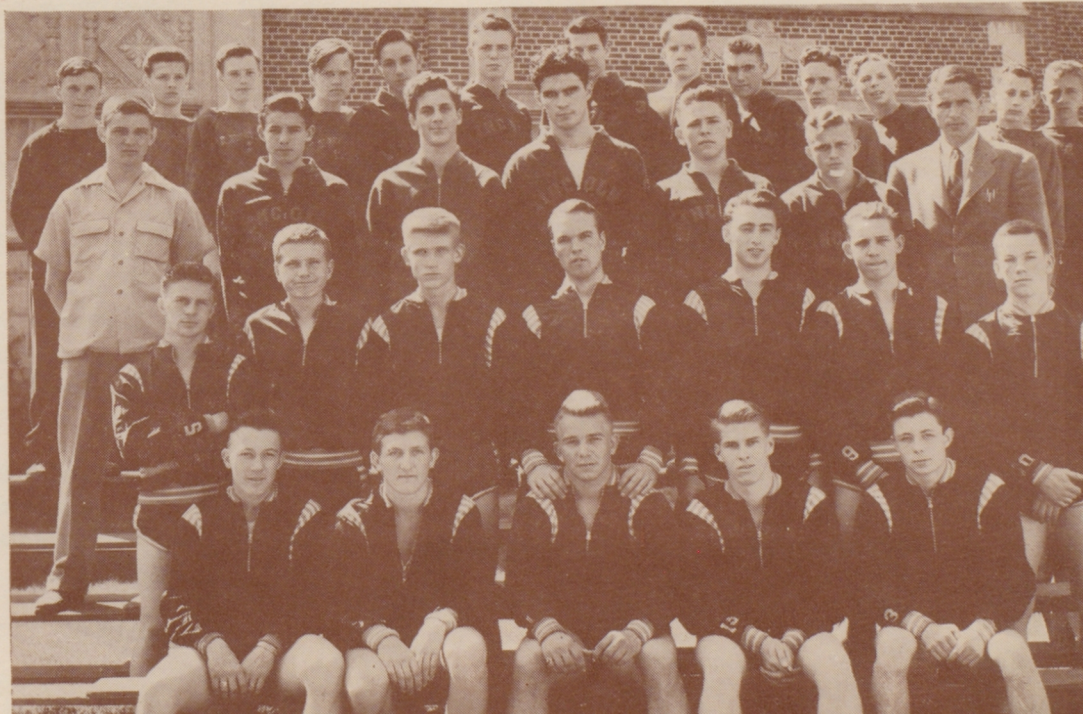
Burton Wilson—Ambitious, brainy, stocky. Strictly the athletic type. "Will" is one of those few surviving women haters.

### Their record:

Lincoln 39 — Valley 23  
 Lincoln 23 — Osceola 17  
 Lincoln 41 — West 14  
 Lincoln 32 — Knoxville 19  
 Lincoln 21 — East 30  
 Lincoln 9 — Roosevelt 13  
 Lincoln 14 — Indianola 21  
 Lincoln 30 — North 31  
 Lincoln 28 — Chariton 30  
 Lincoln 45 — West 21  
 Lincoln 30 — East 21  
 Lincoln 32 — Winterset 20  
 Lincoln 26 — Roosevelt 22  
 Lincoln 37 — North 20  
 Lincoln 34 — Pella 27  
 Lincoln 27 — Valley 19

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Lincoln 32 — Ankeny 24  
 Lincoln 43 — Bondurant 14  
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## In These

### Mystery Chills and Kills!

All Lincoln sat with mouths agape and hair in pineapple clip fashion when the school play, "The Secret Door," was presented April 9 and 10.

Dead people, doped people, and scared people were all in the evening's bill of entertainment.

Bernard Wilson made the little kiddies—and the big ones, too—think boogie-man had come to life with his portrayal of the masked man of the underworld.

Delores DeLeon turned in a marvelous characterization of a blustering old country woman; and to Domenic Renzo and his trigger finger go laurels for student acting done with a professional finesse.

Jimmie Cross as the character around whom the action revolved, carried a heavy burden of lines—and carried them with distinction.

Bob Streitler as the detective, was good—and so were all other members of the troupe, including Jo Anne Brixey, Colleen Thompson, Pat Folsom, June Henthorn, James Cunningham, and Jane Walker.

Miss Annamae Heaps directed the play.

### Tops and All!

"What smoothness—what coloring—what beauty! And she's all mine!"

There never was such a radish as any amateur victory gardener will testify upon the first sight of his first edible vegetable.

Lincoln students went "all out" for victory gardening by staying in their home rooms for a series of discussions on the art of horticulture.

Planning and planting, garden pests, and winter storage of vegetables were among subjects considered.

On two occasions, short assemblies were held with a general lecture preceding the home room discussions.

As a grand finale, canning demonstrations were given for a selected number of representatives who carried the reports back to their home room groups.



# Our Times...

## Victory Cash

Not first in the amount of money pledged, but first in the all-out response, Lincoln high gained city-wide commendation for its 95% participation in the April bond blitz.

A total of \$6,129.20 was expended for victory securities during the month.

Two assemblies were held with a representative from each home room going to the stage to report his group's contribution. As the grand total mounted, the giant thermometer constructed by Mr. Ralph Tomlinson's science class, crept up to record Lincoln's feverish but patriotic response.

The first assembly's pledges reached \$3,817.55; but by the next day, the 95% participation had been realized with the final assembly showing a total of \$6,129.20.

To encourage stamp investment, candy was not sold in the cafeteria or in the halls during the month of April. Booths for the sale of stamps and bonds were sponsored by the community service branch of the Victory Corps, and were kept open all day long in the corridors.

## Grooms Weren't There!

"Gorgeous!" we sighed—and why wouldn't we? It isn't often one sees two glamour girls model the wedding dresses (made as a part of their class work) in which they are to be married this summer.

But Norma Laws and Mildred Flatt, lovely in shimmering lengths of white satin, added an unusual touch to the sixth annual style show held at Lincoln, May 7.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of Dorris Robbins as Princess of Homemaking. She was escorted by two representatives of the armed forces, one of whom was Lt. Payne of the navy, husband of Mrs. Thelma Payne, commercial teacher.

Victory clothes made from Dad's old shirts and brother's trousers were proudly paraded before the footlights in the form of dresses and playsuits.

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## Our Times...

Mother and daughter outfits and what the smart young lady wears in her victory garden were also shown.

Dancing in the boys' gym came as a social finale to the evening's entertainment.

### They Go — and Come

Last to be added to the faculty service roll is the name of Mr. Henry Sanders who left in February. Other names on the roll are: Messrs. Frederick Engel, Jack Dalby, George Chatman, and Philip Slinker.

The newest addition to the faculty is Miss Ruth Davison, who came in May to teach junior mathematics.

### An Encore Assembly

First, it was popularly acclaimed as the best assembly of the year. And then its fame—like Mr. Finney's Turnip—grew and grew until the Rotary club heard about it and requested that it be repeated at one of their luncheon meetings.

"It" refers to the "Junior Town Meeting" assembly sponsored by Mr. Byron Williams of Town Hall, Inc., who toured 44 states holding comparable panel discussions in representative high schools.



Lincoln's forum group, consisting of

Doris Wenger, Jack Evans, Marguerite Hess, and Bill Macy, won acclaim for their able discussion on the subject, "Winning the Peace." Individual topics considered were: "No More Economic Isolation"; "No More Political Isolation"; "We Must

Clockwise, left to right: Hess, Evans, Wilson, Wenger, Macy.





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In their downtown appearance before the Rotary club, the panel group was accompanied by Burton Wilson, senior council president; and Mr. A. C. Hutchens, principal. Superintendent N. D. McCombs acted as moderator.

Miss Alice Holmes, social science instructor, assisted panel members in their compilation of material.

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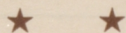
## Our Times...

to downtown Des Moines." The reason? . . . To see your friends on High School Day behind desks and counters, trying their hands at the business world, while others took a turn at city government.

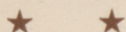
Chosen from the salesmanship and merchandising departments, students worked a day in advance at their places of business to become acquainted with their duties.

Jim Reilly, 12A, acted as Mayor, and John Celsi, 12A, was vice-president of Younkers. Over 30 Lincoln students participated in the all-city project.

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*Excerpts from the Address of Ken Joss, Class President*

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Our job, fellow classmates, has been cut out for us whether it be in a shell hole in France or as a nurse serving behind the line. Even if some of us don't find our way in the armed services, we will undoubtedly find it in the production line.

But think, friends, where we would be today if it had not been for our grandfathers and great-grandfathers who fought and died so we could have this wonderful opportunity to learn.

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and as well as the past twelve years have taught us.

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We will have to develop teamwork and speed in every phase we enter; stamina will have to be hardened.

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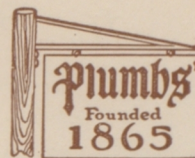
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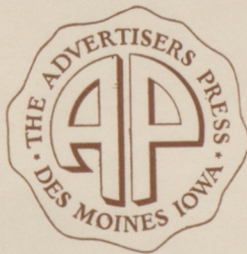
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